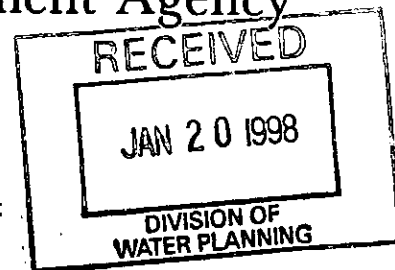




Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 98-09-025P

The Honorable Mike Franzoia
Mayor, City of Elko
1751 College Avenue
Elko, Nevada 89801

Community: City of Elko, Nevada
Community No.: 320010
Panel Affected: 0004 C
Effective Date of **JAN 14 1998**
This Revision:

102-I-A-C

Dear Mayor Franzoia:

This responds to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. In a letter dated October 6, 1997, Ms. Trina Magoon, Nimbus Engineers, requested that FEMA revise the FIRM to show the effects of channelization and placement of fill along Culley's Gulley from just downstream to approximately 1,000 feet downstream of Village Drive and placement of fill along the Humboldt River from the confluence of Culley's Gulley to approximately 500 feet upstream of the confluence.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with letters from Ms. Magoon.

We have completed our review of the submitted data and the flood data shown on the effective FIRM. We have revised the FIRM to modify the elevations and floodplain boundary delineations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) along Culley's Gulley and the Humboldt River. As a result of the modifications, the base flood elevations (BFEs) for Culley's Gulley increased in some areas and decreased in other areas, and the width of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area that would be inundated by the base flood, decreased. The maximum increase in BFE, 0.3 foot, occurred approximately 650 feet downstream of Village Drive and is contained within the constructed channel. In addition, the width of the SFHA along the Humboldt River decreased. The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copy of FIRM Panel(s) 0004 C. This Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) hereby revises the above-referenced panel(s) of the effective FIRM dated November 16, 1995.

The modifications are effective as of the date shown above. The map panel(s) as listed above and as modified by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

Because the modified BFEs when rounded to the nearest whole foot do not differ from the existing BFEs, they will not be published in your community's local newspaper or in the *Federal Register*.

Because this LOMR will not be printed and distributed to primary users, such as local insurance agents and mortgage lenders, your community will serve as a repository for these new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information reflected by this LOMR throughout the community, so that interested persons,

such as property owners, local insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, may benefit from the information. We also encourage you to prepare a related article for publication in your community's local newspaper. This article should describe the assistance that officials of your community will give to interested persons by providing these data and interpreting the NFIP maps.

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panel(s) and FIS report warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

This LOMR is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development, and for ensuring all necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. State, county, and community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the SFHA. If the State, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

The basis of this LOMR is, in whole or in part, a channel-modification project. NFIP regulations, as cited in Paragraph 60.3(b)(7), require that communities ensure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management regulations. Consequently, the ultimate responsibility for maintenance of the modified channel rests with your community.

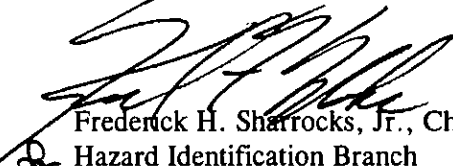
This determination has been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and is in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed minimum NFIP criteria. These criteria are the minimum and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM to which the regulations apply and the modifications described in this LOMR. Our records show that your community has met this requirement.

A Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) has been designated to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

Ms. Dorothy M. Lacey
Director, Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX
The Presidio of San Francisco, Building 105
San Francisco, California 94129-1250
(415) 923-7177

If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the CCO for your community at the telephone number cited above. If you have any technical questions regarding this LOMR, please contact Mr. Mike Grimm of our staff in Washington, DC, either by telephone at (202) 646-2878 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,



Frederick H. Sharrocks, Jr., Chief
Hazard Identification Branch
Mitigation Directorate

Enclosure(s)

cc: Mr. Ferron Konakis
City Engineer
City of Elko

Ms. Trina Magoon
Nimbus Engineers

